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ABSTRACT**PACKAGING SYSTEM INCORPORATING STORAGE TUBES FOR ELECTRICAL CONNECTORS**

5 A packaging system (18) is disclosed for storing and handling electrical connectors (30) and the like. The system employs a plurality of elongated connector-containing tubes (20a-20d). Each tube has an aperture (12, 26) therethrough near each opposite end thereof. The apertures are spaced longitudinally of the respective tubes

10 so that a pair of assembly rods (16) can be passed through the aligned apertures of a plurality of generally parallel juxtaposed tubes. The assembly rods hold the tubes in a generally stacked array and also act as stop rods to close-off the ends of the tubes. At least one aperture (26) in

15 each tube (20a-20d) is enlarged relative to the rod passing therethrough for accommodating any variances in the spacing between the apertures in any particular tubes.

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